

Machine Learning 1

Lecture 4.4 - Supervised Learning
Bayesian Linear Regression - Sequential
Bayesian Learning

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(Bishop 3.3.1)



Example: Sequential Bayesian Learning

Data: sequences of input x , target t

Synthetic data generated by $x \sim \mathcal{U}(x | -1, 1)$ $t = f(x, \mathbf{a}) + \varepsilon$
 $f(x, \mathbf{a}) = a_0 + a_1 x$ $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.2^2)$

$$a_0 = -0.3 \quad a_1 = 0.5$$

Target modeling: $p(t' | x', \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t' | y(x', \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1})$, $\beta^{-1} = 0.2^2$

Linear model: $y(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x$

Prior: $p(\mathbf{w} | \alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{I})$ $\alpha = 2$

e.g. $N=2$ When data arrives sequentially: posterior after $N-1$ datapoints is prior for arrival of N -th datapoint!

$$p(\underline{w} | x_1, x_2) = \frac{p(x_2 | \underline{w}) \underbrace{p(x_1 | \underline{w}) \cdot p(\underline{w}, \alpha)}_{p(x_1)} }{p(x_2)} = \frac{p(x_2 | \underline{w})}{p(x_2)} \underbrace{p(\underline{w}, x_1)}_{\text{acts as a prior for } x_2}$$

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- ▶ Data generated by $t = a_0 + a_1x + \varepsilon$

$$a_0 = -0.3 \quad a_1 = 0.5$$

- Prior

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1}\mathbf{I})$$

- ▶ Sample 1 datapoint

x, t

- Likelihood

$$p(t_1|x_1, \mathbf{w}, \beta) =$$

$$N(t, | \omega_0 + \omega, x, \beta^{-1})$$

- Posterior

$$p(\mathbf{w} | x_1, t_1, \alpha, \beta) \propto p(t_1 | x_1, \underline{w}, \beta) p(\underline{w}, \alpha)$$

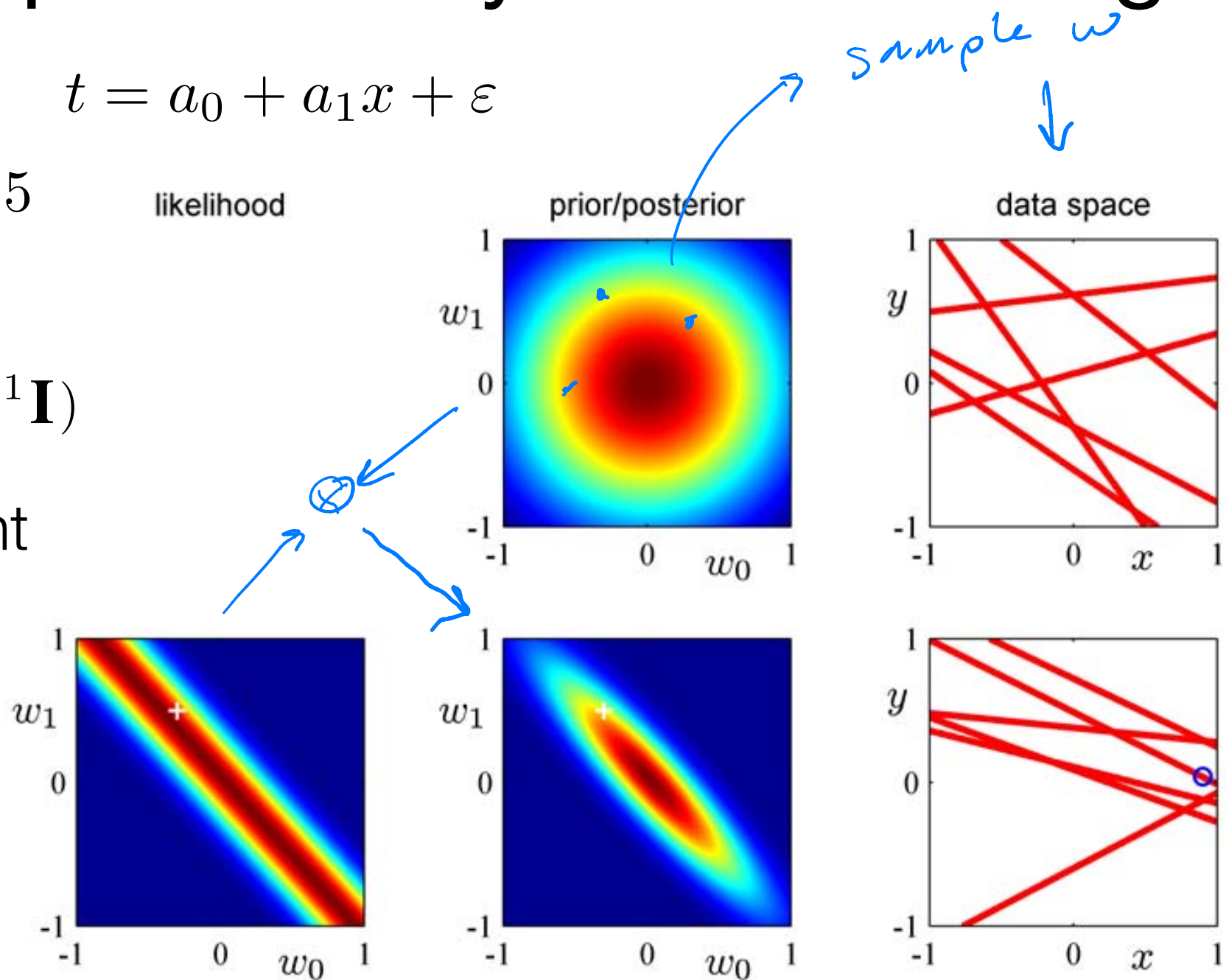


Figure: Sequential Bayesian learning (Bishop 3.7)

Example: Sequential Bayesian Learning

- Sample second datapoint:

x_2, t_2

- Posterior \rightarrow prior :

- Likelihood

$$p(t_2|x_2, \mathbf{w}, \beta)$$

- Posterior

$$p(\mathbf{w}|(x_1, t_1), (x_2, t_2), \alpha, \beta) \propto p(t_2|x_2, \mathbf{w}, \beta) \cdot p(\mathbf{w}|(x_1, t_1), \alpha, \beta)$$

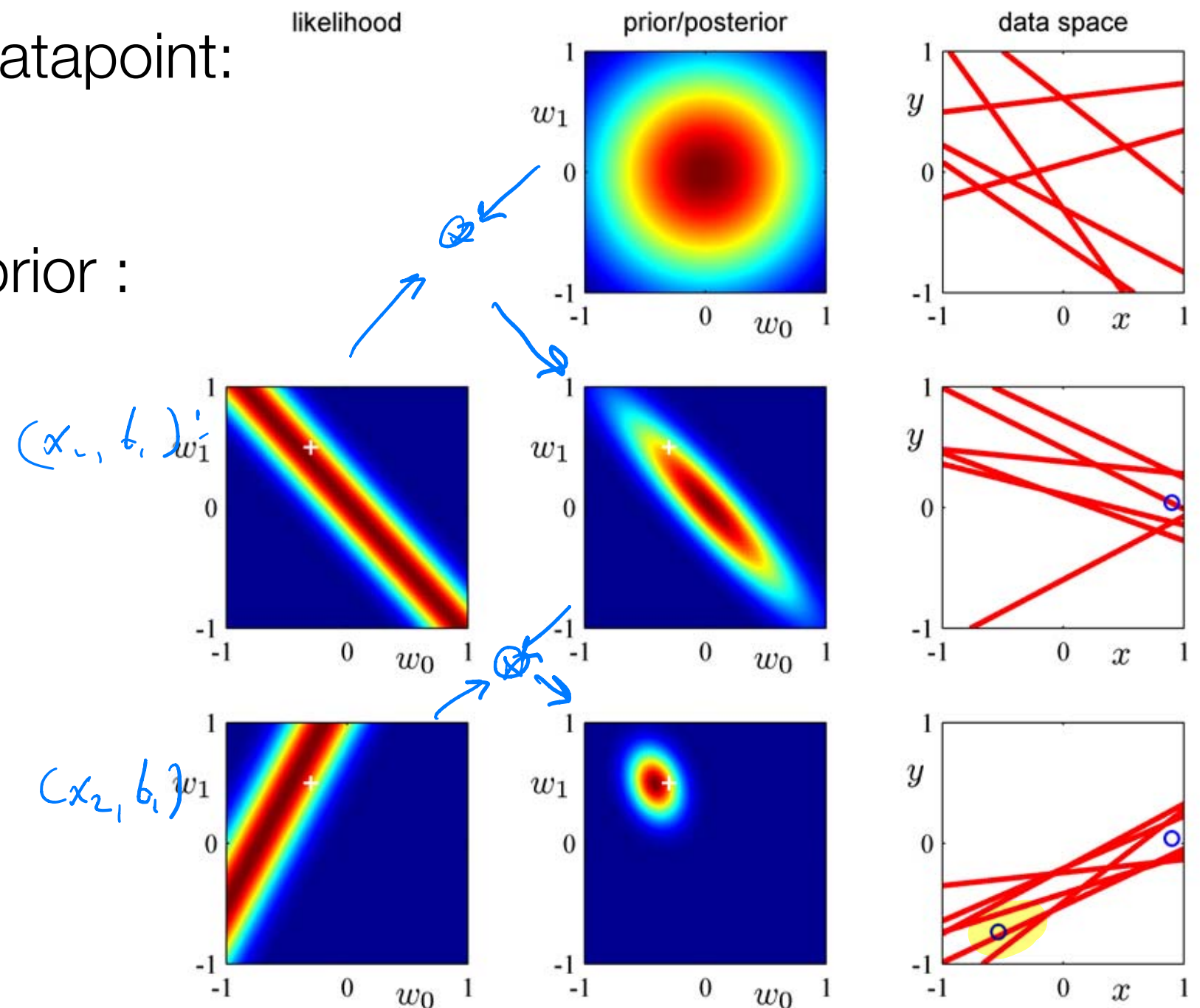


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- After 19 datapoints
 $(x_1, t_1) \dots (x_{19}, t_{19})$

- Prior

$$p(\mathbf{w} | \{(x_n, t_n)\}_{n=1}^{19}, \alpha, \beta)$$

- Likelihood

$$p(t_{20} | x_{20}, \mathbf{w}, \beta)$$

- Posterior

$$p(\mathbf{w} | \{(x_n, t_n)\}_{n=1}^{20}, \alpha, \beta) \propto$$

- Much sharper posterior!

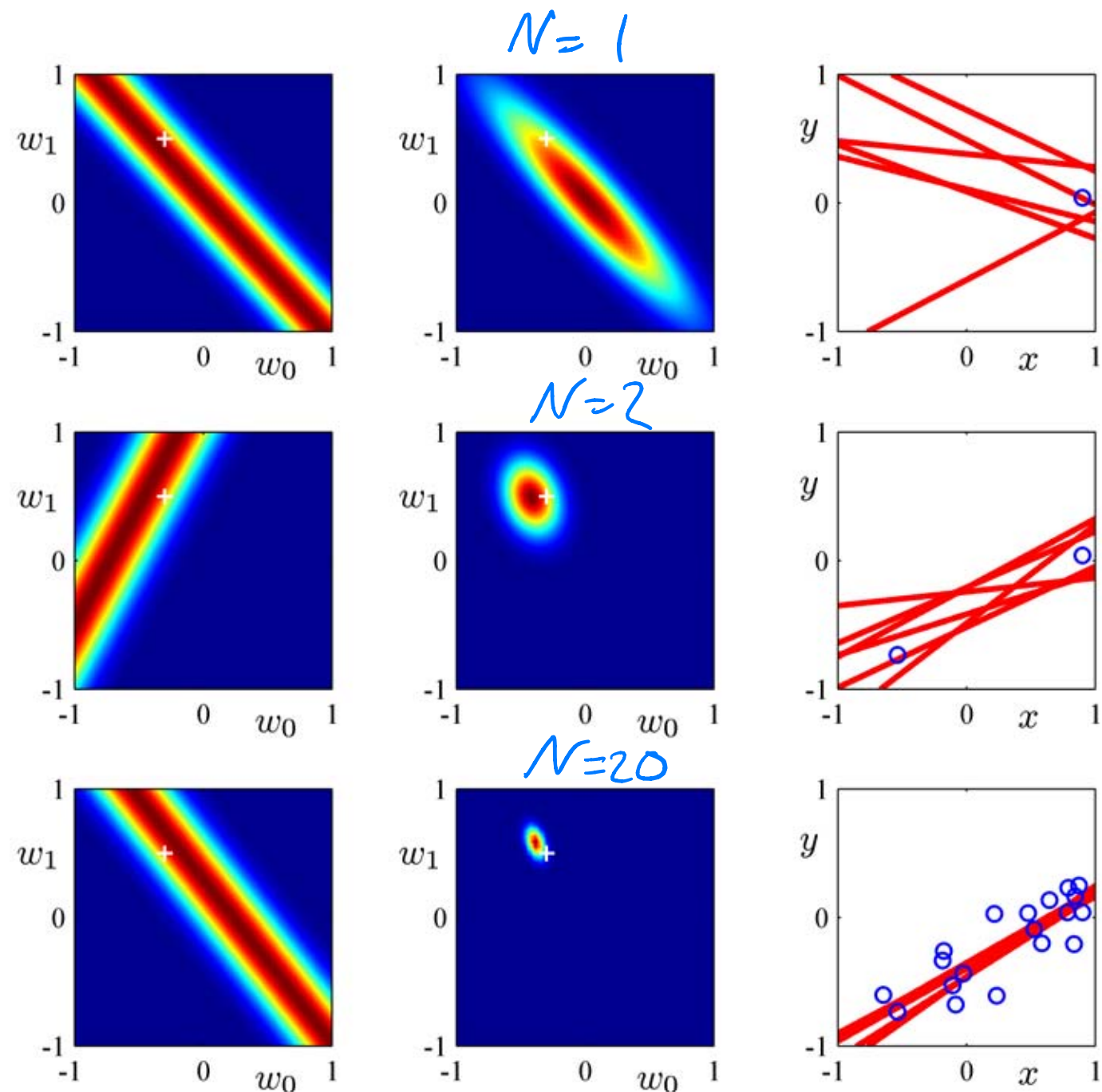


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Infinite Data in Bayesian Linear Regression

- Poster distribution after observing N data points:

$$\mathbf{m}_N = \beta \mathbf{S}_N \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$

$$p(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{S}_N)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_N^{-1} = \alpha \mathbf{1} + \beta \Phi^T \Phi$$

- After an infinite amount of data :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{S}_N = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{zero matrix})$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [\Phi^T \Phi]_{ij} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \alpha N$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(\mathbf{x}_1) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(\mathbf{x}_N) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{m}_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \beta \mathbf{S}_N \Phi^T \mathbf{t} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \beta (\cancel{\alpha \mathbf{I}} + \beta \Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$

Bayesian, MAP, ML
all agree at $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{(\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}}_{\text{ML}}$$

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